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MINUTES OF THE 58TH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
COOSA RIVER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION;

Held with the Lincoln Baptist Church,
Lincoln, Talladega County, Ala.,
Sept. 16-18, A. D. 1891.

OFFICERS:

ABNER WILLIAMS,	<i>Moderator,</i>	Oxford, Ala.
LEALIS LAW,	<i>Clerk,</i>	Cropwell, Ala.
G. A. JOINER,	<i>Assistant Clerk,</i>	Talladega, Ala.
J. S. KELLY,	<i>Treasurer,</i>	Oxford, Ala.

The next session of this body will be held with the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Talladega County, Alabama, on the Georgia Central and the Alabama Mineral Railroads, commencing on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in September, 1892.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known by the name of the Coosa River Baptist Association.

ART. II. It shall be composed of well-accredited messengers, appointed by regular Baptist Churches, which are united in this union.

ART. III. Its meetings shall be annual.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, or otherwise, at each session, and hold office till their successors are declared duly elected; provided, that the non-election of the Treasurer shall not interfere with organization.

ART. V. The Association can not rule, but may advise the churches. But it has a full right to reject the messengers of any church not in order, in faith, or practice.

ART. VI. Petitions for membership must be by letter and one or more messengers; and the Association, in each case, is to judge on the question of reception.

ART. VII. Each church of fifty members, or less, shall have three messengers, and one messenger for each fifty or fractional number over fifty.

ART. VIII. This Association is in full sympathy with the spirit, and ready to correspond and co-operate with all regular Missionary Baptist organizations, for the spread of the Gospel and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth; but a difference of opinion on these matters shall not necessarily involve the question of fellowship.

ART. IX. Churches composing this body will be expected to contribute to and sustain a contingent fund, which shall be deposited by the messengers at each annual meeting, with the Finance Committee; and other contributions for benevolent purposes will be earnestly sought and fostered by the Association.

ART. X. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at her discretion.

ART. XI. This Constitution, or any Article, may be amended or abolished, at a regular meeting on the concurrence of a vote, by standing, of two thirds of the messengers present; provided, such intended change is announced by the Moderator at least six hours before the action is taken.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

RULE 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

RULE 3. The names of the members shall be called each day before proceeding to business, and no member shall absent himself from the Association unless he have leave or be sick and unable to attend.

RULE 4. Visiting ministering brethren present shall be invited to seats in the Association.

RULE 5. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, preserve order, and appoint all committees, with the sanction of the Association.

RULE 6. The Moderator may speak in debate on any question, appointing some other member to fill the chair temporarily, but shall not vote, except in case of a tie.

RULE 7. The Moderator shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any two members.

RULE 8. Every member, when speaking, shall rise from his seat, respectfully address the Moderator, confine himself to the question before the body, and avoid personalities.

RULE 9. A motion made must be seconded and stated by the Moderator before debating; and every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator or any member desire it.

RULE 10. When a motion is stated by the Moderator, it is in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment.

RULE 11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except to lay on the table, postpone indefinitely, commit or amend; which said motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated; but a motion to adjourn is always in order, except when a member is speaking or the body engaged in voting.

RULE 12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, the rules of decorum, or the reception or exclusion of churches, shall be decided by a majority of the votes; in the excepted cases two-thirds are required.

RULE 13. Filling blanks with particular numbers, the question shall first be taken on the highest number and longest time.

RULE 14. When a motion has once been decided, a member voting with the majority may move for reconsideration on any day during the session.

RULE 15. No speaker shall be interrupted, unless he be out of order, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without leave of the Association.

RULE 16. No practice shall be allowed which has a tendency to interrupt speaking or the business of the Association.

RULE 17. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used by members in their addresses one to another.

RULE 18. The Clerk shall read these rules at the opening of every session of the Association.

RULE 19. Any member violating these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator.

PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS.

- FIRST DAY.—1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Read Letters and Enroll Messengers.
3. Elect Officers; Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.
4. Read Rules of Decorum.
5. Invite Churches to unite with our Association.
6. Invite visiting Brethren to seats.
7. Call for Correspondence from Associations.
8. Appoint Committee on Finance.
9. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
10. Appoint Committee to pro rate among the Churches amount asked for by State Mission Board for all objects.
11. Appoint Committee to nominate the Time and Place of next meeting, Principal and Alternate to preach next Introductory and Missionary Sermons.
12. Reports on Periodicals and Literature.
13. Report on Temperance.
14. Report on Sabbath Schools.
15. Fix hours to meet and adjourn.
16. Miscellaneous Business. 17. Adjourn.
- SECOND DAY.—18. Devotional exercises.
19. Read Minutes and Call Roll of Messengers.
20. Miscellaneous Business.
21. Report on State Missions.
22. Report on Home Missions.
23. Report on Foreign Missions.
24. Report on Ministerial Education.
25. Report on General Education (Male and Female.)
26. Miscellaneous Business. 27. Adjourn.
- THIRD DAY —28. Devotional Exercises.
29. Read Minutes and Call Roll of Messengers.
30. Miscellaneous Business.
31. Report of Committee to pro rate contributions from Churches.
32. Report of Committee on Evangelization of colored people.
33. Report of Committee on Woman's Work
34. Report of Committee on Colportage and Bible Work.
35. Report of Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
36. Report of Executive Committee of Association.
37. Elect Executive Committee of Association.
38. Elect Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
39. Return Correspondence to Associations: Shelby, Cahaba Valley, Boiling Spring, Carey, Canaan, Central, Tallassahatchie and Ten Islands, Unity.
40. Appoint delegates to Baptist State Convention (ten).
41. Appoint delegate to Southern Baptist Convention (one).
42. Report of Committee on Finance.
43. Report of Treasurer of Association.
44. Call for Report of Committee on Time and Place and Preachers next year.
45. Order Clerk's salary paid and Minutes printed.
46. Appoint Committees to report next session: on State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, General Education (male and female), Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Colportage and Bible Work, Evangelization of the Colored People, Periodicals and Literature, Woman's Work.
47. Appropriate surplus Minute Funds, etc. (if any).
48. Miscellaneous Business.
49. Read Minutes of this day's session. 50. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

LINCOLN, TALLADEGA Co., ALA.

September 16, A. D. 1891.

Messengers to compose the fifty-eighth annual session of the Coosa River Baptist Association met this day with the Lincoln Baptist Church, at 11 A. M. In the absence of the regular appointee, Elder S. P. Shaffer, of East Liberty Association, by request, preached the Introductory Sermon; subject, "Salvation;" delivering a unique, practical and forcible discourse. Prayer was then offered by Elder I. T. Tichenor. Intermission of two hours.

2:30 P. M.—The Association was called to order by Abner Williams, Moderator, who read a portion of Psalms 99-100; Prayer by J. M. Waller.

Messengers' names enrolled:

FIRST DISTRICT.

JACKSONVILLE.—J. Y. Henderson, H. W. Williams and M. H. Lane.

POST OAK SPRINGS.—J. Landford, E. J. Andrews and W. P. Weaver.

WEAVER STATION.—Samuel Wright.

MT. ZION.—George Price and J. D. Green.

OAK BOWERY.—B. B. Nunnally, L. C. Coker, J. B. Ingram, D. D. Bryant, George D. Harris and J. P. Nunnally.

CANE CREEK.—E. M. Reed, A. H. Mynatt, D. Simpson and Thomas Clements.

OXFORD.—T. P. Gwin, J. C. Wright, Abner Williams, F. B. Hanna and J. S. Kelly.

ANTIOCH.—E. A. Aderholdt, J. L. Jenkins and P. W. Milner.

FIRST BAPTIST, ANNISTON.—E. T. Smith, J. A. Fry, W. A. Chadwell and J. D. Gunter.

PARKER MEMORIAL.—W. L. Hill, O. M. Reynolds, C. C. Huckabee and H. A. Haralson.

OXANNA.—M. C. Holcombe, J. T. Thomas and G. G. Britton.

IRON CITY.—W. H. Davis.

BOILING SPRING.—W. F. Weiss and T. J. Jones.

SECOND DISTRICT.

COLDWATER.—C. Lesley, T. F. Teague and S. H. Comer.
 MUNFORD.—J. W. Martin and R. S. Parker
 SALEM.—J. T. Donaldson, J. R. Johnson, H. T. Bean and A. O. Peace.
 SULPHUR SPRINGS.—J. C. Gaffin, J. T. Vincent, L. B. Mayfield and T. P. Gwin, Jr.
 REFUGE.—W. M. Hall, A. Hutto, P. R. Crump, W. T. Hackney and C. Burton.
 BLUE EYE.—T. K. Trotter, F. B. Tuck, J. B. Mynatt and Jas. Embry.
 PLEASANT GROVE.—T. F. Elliott, Wiley Ogletree, E. H. Ogletree and D. H. Thweatt.
 TALLADEGA.—J. A. French, C. Baker, G. A. Joiner, J. B. Graham, S. A. Austin, Jno. C. Williams, S. J. Loyd and A. J. Massey.
 IRONATON.—J. T. Rice.
 PROVIDENCE.—J. D. Davis, H. C. Bigbee and James Brimer.
 LINCOLN.—A. W. Bell, T. R. Burns and W. F. McCain.
 PLUM SPRING.—A. J. Strickland and P. P. Starnes.
 DRY VALLEY.—A. A. Hutto, J. W. McCain and J. B. Whitten.

THIRD DISTRICT.

RENFROE.—A. M. McIntosh and H. T. Brown.
 HEPZIBAH.—A. Wallace, W. C. Dickey and Chas. Merkle.
 ALPINE.—E. D. Rhodes, E. N. Caldwell and J. M. Hancock.
 TALLASSAHATCHIE.—J. H. Glazener and J. M. Sherrill.
 WINTERBORO.—E. A. McGuire, Wm. Bryant, E. Johns and J. W. Edwards.
 PILGRIM'S REST.—No representative.
 ROCKY MOUNT.—Letter and funds.
 MT. ZION.—W. Wilkes, G. S. Ham and H. G. Darby.
 CARTERSVILLE.—F. B. Lanier.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

FORT WILLIAMS.—L. A. Daniel.
 MT. SHARON.—J. T. Bryant.
 CHILDERSBURG.—Thos. Henderson.
 WILSONVILLE.—J. L. Ray and Austin Weldon.
 HARPERSVILLE.—R. A. Kidd, W. S. Henderson, J. F. McGraw and J. F. Parker.
 SPRING CREEK.—J. R. Ray.
 MACEDONIA.—F. M. Williams.
 SEDDON.—Jas. Nabors.
 RIVERSIDE.—J. N. Belton.
 CROPWELL.—L. Law and Perry Turner.
 PROVIDENCE.—J. G. Blankenship, T. L. Bates and L. H. Cosper.

The letters from the churches were read by B. F. Riley, John C. Williams and A. M. McIntosh.

Officers elected by ballot:

ABNER WILLIAMS,	Moderator.
LEALIS LAW,	Clerk.
JAMES S. KELLY,	Treasurer.

B. F. Riley, President of Howard College, addressed the body in the interest of the College.

Programme of last session adopted.

Official visitors present:

B. F. RILEY, President Howard College;
I. T. TICHENOR, Cor. Sec. Home Mission Board;
S. W. AVERETT, President Judson Institute;
G. D. STATON, representing Fin. Sec. Howard College;
W. B. CRUMPTON, Cor. Sec. State Mission Board;
J. M. WALLER, Asst. Cor. Sec. State Mission Board;
J. P. SHAFFER, Bible and Colportage Board;
C. W. HARE, Editor Alabama Baptist.

Correspondents present:

EAST LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.—J. P. Shaffer;
CAHAWBA VALLEY ASSOCIATION.—C. D. Alverson, I. R. W. Lewis
and J. S. E. Robinson;
BIRMINGHAM ASSOCIATION.—G. D. Staton;
MULBERRY ASSOCIATION.—A. E. Burns.

Visitor present:

W. D. HUBBARD, (Supply Parker Memorial Church).

Committee appointed:

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—G. D. Staton, W. F. McCain, A. W. Bell, T. R. Burns, B. B. Nunnally, G. S. Ham and T. F. Elliott.

Leave of absence was granted E. T. Smythe, to attend the funeral services of Bro. Samuel C. Kelly, of Oxford.

Committees appointed:

FINANCE.—J. B. Graham, W. L. Hill and W. H. Davis.
PRORATING.—G. S. Ham, D. H. Thweatt and J. A. Fry.
NOMINATIONS.—John C. Williams, J. A. Collins and J. L. Jenkins.

Adjourned to 9 A. M. Thursday. Prayer by W. Wilkes.

Thursday, Sept. 17—9 A. M.

Association called to order. Devotional exercises, conducted by Moderator, from Psalm 112. Minutes of first day read and approved.

The Sycamore Baptist church, through messengers W. F. Burke, and T. W. Barnett, and the Mt. Ida Baptist church, through messengers J. C. Tomlin, J. M. Solley and T. G. Hammond, applied for membership in the Association, and were received.

The committee on Periodicals and Literature reported:
offered by Thomas L. Anderson.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE.

Upon the subject of Periodicals and Literature two inquiries arise, to which we would call the attention of your body, because they address themselves to every conservative Baptist within the territory and under the advisory jurisdiction of the Southern Baptist Convention. The first inquiry is: What character of periodicals and literature does the situation demand within the States represented in the Southern Baptist Convention? The second inquiry is: How and from whence should such demands be supplied? These two inquiries are of necessity involved in any intelligent, deliberative action upon so grave and important a subject.

Your committee do not propose to elaborate upon each of the inquiries above suggested further than to make an intelligent presentment of the demands of the situation within the bounds above indicated. The claims of the territory which lies geographically beyond these bounds are to be considered in a different connection. The first demand which the situation serves upon us is that of our own immediate section, the States represented in the Southern Baptist Convention. This demand presses itself upon our immediate attention. Intelligent and effective missionary effort beyond our borders must be stimulated and directed by an organization rooted and grounded in the faith once for all delivered to the saints. The church at home must be thoroughly indoctrinated and kept so to be an efficient missionary force in foreign lands.

Let us observe that every church and every religious organization that exists to-day, maintains its existence by virtue of the voluntary allegiance of its constituency. The church that is here, and expects to stay here, must declare in this day and time what it is here for. The integrity of its faith can only be preserved by the force of individual convictions. "Thy people shall be a willing people in the day of thy power." The Baptist churches, or ecclesiae, like every other religious force, are here to assert the integrity of the faith with all the convictions of their constituency. They are here to maintain the scriptural purity of Baptist precepts and doctrines by an intelligible interpretation of gospel truth, such as will challenge the credulity of mankind. The position of the southern Baptists, as a great missionary force, is to be maintained for all it is worth. Baptists, like the Jews of Berea, search the Scriptures whether those things are so. A fair and intelligible interpretation of divine truth is all that Baptists demand; but this much we do demand and must insist upon to the last; not so much for the purpose of controversy with those who may differ from us as for purposes of a wide spread evangelization.

So that the cause of Baptists in the South demands the attention of southern Baptists in a supreme sense, we need an organization of the greatest possible efficiency. The perpetuity and efficiency of our denomination in the South demands the co-operation of all those religious forces that enter into and maintain such an evangelical organization. To give acceleration and effectiveness to all our religious movements we must have the utterances of the press, and those utterances must represent the views and convictions of

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For the existence of present religious conditions at the South it is not our province to account. These conditions are upon us, and to them we are to adjust our methods of instruction and evangelization. Out of these conditions the Southern Baptist Convention, with all its attendant boards, had its origin. Out of these conditions sprang the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The demands of the situation called all these into existence and active operation. But the demands of the situation are not yet satisfied, and will not be until a South Baptist literature shall deliver its utterances and its teachings along the lines of religious movement in the South. If the situation demanded the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention, and called all its attendant boards into existence, it demands with equal emphasis the existence of a southern Baptist literature. If the situation demanded the existence of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, it demands with equal emphasis the existence of a southern Baptist literature. The latter is the corollary of the former. It is the logic of the times and conditions in which we live. If we assert the distinctiveness and maintain the perpetuity and efficiency of our organization for all the legitimate purposes of its existence, we must have a Southern Baptist Sabbath School literature; such as will declare our convictions, and for whose teachings we are to be held responsible. Such a literature is of more transcendent importance to give perpetuity to our organization than any element of strength that can enter into it, because it is further reaching and more enduring than any other. While the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary may supply our southern denominational pulpits, a southern Baptist literature is to educate the congregations who are to hear them. The work of the ministry is greatly simplified, and given greater efficiency, by the inculcation of wholesome and incisive Sabbath School instructions. The preaching of the word possesses additional force and effectiveness where the Sabbath School has left line upon line and precept upon precept. So the southern Baptist pulpit and a southern Baptist literature go together, and the Seminary is not of more importance than a literature equally decided and pronounced.

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every earnest effort to build it, and to develop our religious resources. If our literature is not all it should be, we can make it such by giving it our loyal support. The late Southern Baptist Convention, at Birmingham, while it remanded the whole question back to the churches, at the same time took steps to lay before us a Sabbath School literature southern in all its features and bearings. The question is therefore one as to whether or not the Baptist churches within the limits of the Southern Baptist Convention shall sustain by their patronage an earnest effort to build up a literature in every way equal to any within the bounds of orthodox Christendom.

THOMAS HENDERSON, Chairman.

An amendment to the report was offered by G. A. Joiner :

RESOLVED, That this Association commend to the prayers and patronage of its constituency the Kind Words series of Sabbath School literature, the Alabama Baptist, the Home Field, the Foreign Mission Journal, and the State Mission Quarterly.

G. A. JOINER.

Adopted.

Report discussed by W. Wilkes, C. W. Hare and J. P. Shaffer. Adopted.

Report on State Missions—M. H. Lane, Chairman :

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Sixteen years ago, the State Mission Board was organized by the Baptist State Convention. For two years the Corresponding Secretary traveled—scarcely collecting enough to pay his salary and traveling expenses. The present year the State Board has in its employ fifty-four men. The contributions the past year for this Board were \$8,767. We learn from the Secretary that the amount received to the present time this year is nearly one thousand dollars short of what was received to the same time last year; as a result the missionaries have not been paid.

The amount asked for another year from the 4,931 members of the Coosa River Association for necessary purposes is \$3,000.

We recommend that this Association adopt this amount as the sum we will try to raise, and that a careful committee be appointed to apportion this amount to the churches.

M. H. LANE, Chairman.

Amendment, by W. S. Henderson :

That we request the churches composing this Association to unite in meetings at suitable times and places for the discussion of missions, and we recommend that so far as practicable fifth Sabbaths be utilized for that purpose.

W S. HENDERSON.

Report on Home Missions—W. Wilkes, Chairman :

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee would respectfully say, that on this as on many other subjects, it is hard to know what to say. Giving is on the increase, we believe, but benevolence in spirit is diminishing.

Unholy tactics has well nigh displaced the feeling of obligation to give as a pleasant duty and supplied its place by a feeling of giving according as the people are made to laugh by funny incidents and associations, or to cry by something to stir their natural sympathies. Superficial laughing and crying have thus become the key notes to success in getting up church finances. There was not much crying nor laughing produced by the lessons taught on this subject by Christ and the apostles, but a deep conscious sense of duty was sealed on the hearts of their hearers. Christians were plied with motives higher and deeper, even motives that reach the profoundest sense of obligations to Him "who died for us and rose again."

But, turning from motives to facts, your committee recognize these last as encouraging. It is a fact that a great deal of money is made up annually in the home field. We do not say the contributions are adequate to work projected; on the contrary we see great need of enlarged donations, especially for Cuba, in view of liquidating the balance due on the house purchased for Baptist worship.

There are other important sections in Home Missions, such as New Orleans, not to name others at our doors. This great city ought to have much more attention from Baptists than it is receiving. Waiving all tabulated statements as to the operations of the Home Board, your committee would recommend the whole subject to the prayerful thought and attention of the churches.

W. WILKES, Chairman.

CUBA.—Missionaries, 22; Baptisms, 210; Total membership, 1,917; Schools, 7; Average attendance, 626; Contributions, \$2,000; Expenditures, \$6,393.21.

Report on Foreign Missions—J. A. French, Chairman:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The command of our Great Master, "Go ye, and make disciples of all nations," comes ringing through the centuries, to us his professed followers, with all of its original significance. The example of earlier and later Christians emphasizes it, and the near approach of the centennial of the modern missionary effort among our people should prove a mighty inspiration to a full recognition of our obligation in this regard.

With all our enlightenment on missions, it should no longer be a question whether the heathen will be saved without the gospel. The question ought to be, and is, will we be saved if we do not give them the gospel? Fidelity to this command of our Lord is no less obligatory than fidelity to his command to be baptized, and we may not excuse ourselves from the one any more than the other.

But not only is it obligatory that we give the gospel to the benighted; ours is the glorious privilege of being co-workers with God in the amelioration of the condition of our fallen fellow men. Our great Commander condescends to use us as the means by which to accomplish the salvation of the lost, and links us with the angels in the joy we may share over their deliverance. Shall we prove unworthy of the dignity and the honor of the place he has assigned us? The success with which our labors have been crowned in the foreign field should give new impetus to our future efforts. In China, in Africa, in Italy, in South America, and in Mexico, our faithful missionaries have not spared themselves, but have labored

unceasingly, sometimes amid persecution, that they might plant the standard of King Immanuel on sin's demolished throne. And in return for their labors they have received into their churches during the year 361 members, (making a total membership of 2,377,) whose faithful lives and liberal contributions evidence their sincerity

The difficulties our Foreign Mission Board have met are:

1. A lack of regular, systematic giving throughout the year;
2. A failure of the churches to increase their contributions proportionately with the increase in membership and in wealth;
3. An apparent indifference to the facts in regard to the work, such as are found in the Foreign Mission Journal and the numerous missionary leaflets which the Board is ready to send without charge on application.

As we are on the eve of the centennial of our modern missionary efforts, as a denomination, we respectfully recommend:

1. That every pastor in this body deliver or procure to be delivered at least four sermons or addresses during the year on the obligation, the history and the success of missions;

2. That each church appoint a committee on missions for the current year, whose duty it shall be to procure from Rev. H. A. Tupper, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, Richmond, Va., or Rev. T. T. Eaton, D. D., Chairman Centennial Committee, Louisville, Ky., a supply of literature on this subject, and distribute the same to the membership;

3. That every church make an offering to this cause during the year commensurate with its ability;

4. That this Association appoint a Centennial Missionary Committee, whose duty it shall be to use their endeavors in furtherance of the plans of the Centennial Committee of the Baptist State Convention.

J. A. FRENCH, Chairman.

The body was then addressed by I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, and pledges were given for Cuban house of worship, as follows:

PLEDGES FOR HOME MISSIONS.

H. W. Williams, . . .	\$ 5 00	J. D. Davis, . . .	\$ 1 00
A. W. Bell, . . .	10 00	W. Wilkes, . . .	5 00
Mrs. Fluker, . . .	10 00	M. H. Lane, . . .	15 00
J. A. Collins, . . .	1 00	J. T. Donaldson, . . .	1 00
Weaver's Station, . . .	10 00	Mt. Zion, (Calhoun), . . .	15 00
Cane Creek, . . .	10 00	Oxford, . . .	25 00
Antioch, . . .	10 00	Oxanna, . . .	5 00
R. S. Parker, . . .	5 00	Salem, . . .	5 00
Refuge, . . .	10 00	Pleasant Grove, . . .	20 00
Talladega, . . .	20 00	Ironaton, . . .	5 00
Lincoln, . . .	10 00	Renfro, . . .	5 00
Hepzibah, . . .	5 00	Mt. Zion (Talladega) . . .	10 00
Fort Williams, . . .	10 00	Mt. Sharon, . . .	5 00
Wilsonville, . . .	10 00	Coosa Valley, . . .	5 00
Macedonia, . . .	5 00	Total, . . .	\$253 00

Leave of absence granted J. Bryant, W. S. Henderson and J. F. Parker. Adjourned to 1:30 p. m. Prayer by M. H. Lane.

Thursday, Sept. 17—1:30 P. M.

Association called to order. Prayer by T. K. Trotter.

Reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions discussed by W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, and J. M. Waller, Assistant Secretary State Mission Board, H. W. Williams, J. A. French, W. Wilkes and James Embry.

Leave of absence granted T. P. Gwin.

Committee on General Education reported—read by J. B. Graham:

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

The subject under consideration, in its broadest sense, is second in scope and utility, in elevating and broadening human character, only to the Christian religion: and properly consecrated, that religion has no auxiliary so strong, either in advancing or maintaining its doctrines.

A man can not be aptly termed educated, unless his three-fold nature, moral, mental and physical, be developed, and the world is waking up to that fact. It is now conceded by our most astute educators that the development of these forces is essential to equipose of character.

We often see bright, promising boys enter college, and when the course is completed, find that large sums of money have been spent to make a dramshop advertisement, or a skeptic, attacking with fiendish hand all faith in the existence of Deity. We are astonished; but when we come to consider the fact that the boy's mind has expanded under the tutelage of profane or secular science alone—sacred science having no part in its evolution—the cause of the trouble is clear. The boy has grown to manhood, and carried along with him to man's estate his childish conception of religion. Such is the case to-day, and such will always be the case until the Bible is taught in our schools.

Our denominational schools, therefore, are the sheet anchor of the religion we hold dear, as well as the hope of future civilization.

Howard College has never been in such good condition as to-day. The last report of the Board of Trustees shows the college out of debt for current expenses, and money and notes in easy reach sufficient to redeem all outstanding obligations for buildings and improvements. The roster of students was higher last session than ever in the history of the college, and the President expects 250 students for the incoming term.

There were about twenty theological students in attendance, but we are sorry to state that no special theological training was provided for them, and your committee deem this a feature worthy the earnest consideration of our people.

We take the liberty of saying that it is the moral duty of every Baptist to support Howard College, for while there is no special chair for instruction in divine truth, the atmosphere is healthful with holiness. The faculty is a devoted band of Christian men—two of them ministers—and the theological students are a potent factor for good.

The Judson Female Institute, located at Marion, is the pride of all Alabama. No institution for the education of young ladies in

the South surpasses it, and we doubt if there is a better one in the Union. It is ably presided over by Rev. S. W. Averett, and we commend it to the Baptists of Alabama.

The Seminary, at Louisville, had last year about one hundred and sixty-five young men preparing themselves "To rightly divide the word of God." The Board of Ministerial Education, under the auspices of the State Convention, has aided three or four young men from Alabama in this institution; as well as quite a number at Howard College, and other schools in the State. Many others have applied to the Board for aid, but have been refused for lack of funds. This, brethren, is a reproach to the denomination. This Board has labored hard for the cause they represent, but they have been very indifferently sustained by our people.

Your committee, in conclusion, recommend a special donation by this Association to this branch of our work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. G. BUSA,
S. W. WELCH,
J. A. McDONALD.

The committee on Ministerial Education reported—J. C. Wright, Chairman:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

It is said of one of the most eminent ministers in our country, that he is always and everywhere a preacher. He has never given a lecture, scientific, literary or political. He does not write for the press, and has made no contribution to homiletics. What does this mean? It means that he is a specialist. It means that he puts the whole man into the study and ministry of the word. It gives a valuable hint to young ministers. There is a place for the elegant scholar, for the contributor to current literature and for the essayist; but the world is gasping for preachers, and the pulpit must have preachers—men who can bring God near to the souls of men, and the souls of men near to God.

We live in an age that is critical in its tastes, exacting in its demands, rapid in its mental processes, intolerant of dullness, clamoring for scientific methods, concise statements, an age, withal, busied with a thousand things besides religion. And this brings us face to face with a work the most difficult. And how shall the minister successfully meet the demands of the times wants of the world, the needs of the church, and be able to carry out his Lord's great commission. He must be regenerated—have grace. He must be divinely called to his work. He must have more. Grace does not give him a knowledge of Greek, nor does even a divine call fill him with biblical lore, even an "unction from the Holy One" only quickens what is, but does not impart. Literary qualifications for the ministry are not acquired by supernatural agency, but by the slow, laborious process of hard study. Study of the word of God, and every study calculated to throw light upon the Scriptures. The preacher's mind is no widow's cruse, that fills up with Scripture truths as rapidly as it is emptied.

All ministers need not be graduates—all run through the same machine, and come out all bearing the trade mark of some institution. All ministers must be educated, but all ministers can not be educated alike. Some are not called to preach until mid-life, and their early education had no view to the ministry, or they may

have had little early education. How then, in each case, shall we best educate that, will depend upon age, kind of talents and present attainments. Then let each one make himself the utmost his natural endowments and the providence of God permit. Every minister need not pass through a seminary, but his mind must be disciplined and enriched somewhere, in the free school, in the work shop, counting room—anywhere, only let it be somewhere.

But it is the imperative duty of all who can to take a full course, and to make the amplest preparation possible. To-day, truly the "priest's lips should keep knowledge." But priests can not keep or dispense knowledge unless they have it, and to get it is no short, hot bed process. It means years of labor and hard study under the best masters. If teachers, lawyers and doctors have to spend such large amounts of time and means to fit themselves for their professions; how much more should the ministers of Christ be well educated in the wisdom and knowledge of their high calling, on whom depend the religious training and doctrinal sentiments of the world. If the sculptor must spend years in preparing to infuse life into the chiseled marble, and to clothe with intelligence the semblance of human lineaments, then ought not the minister, whose mission is the salvation of deathless souls, the most responsible calling in the wide universe, to have extensive preparation—when a mistake may involve consequences for eternity.

In old time the priests were prepared for the temple service. Moses was "skilled in all the wisdom of the Egyptians," yet he was trained forty years in the wilderness before he was a competent leader and lawgiver. Christ taught the apostles three years before they entered upon the important part of their ministry, and after they had graduated in the school of Christ, the Holy Spirit gave them the finishing touch, by miraculously endowing them—making them polyglot—master of many languages.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." No novice fumbling with the truth.

For the literary course we recommend Howard College; for theological instruction, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

J. C. WRIGHT, Chairman,
L. LAW,
B. B. NUNNELLY.

The body was then addressed by S. W. Averett, President of Judson Institute, on above reports.

Adjourned to 7:30 P. M. Prayer by J. M. Solley.

Thursday, Sept. 17—7:30 P. M.

Association called to order. The Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder M. H. Lane. Text, Acts xx, 25. Collection taken for missions, \$12.55.

Leave of absence granted to H. W. Williams.

Adjourned to 8:30 A. M. Friday.

Friday, Sept. 18—8:30 A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional services conducted by Moderator. Prayer by E. T. Smyth.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to insert in minutes the names of all participants in discussions.

By request of the Clerk, G. A. Joiner was elected Assistant Clerk.

Speeches limited to ten minutes.

Reports on General and Ministerial Education were discussed by J. C. Wright, J. B. Graham, J. P. Shaffer, James Embry and J. D. Davis. Reports adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported—G. S. Ham, Chairman:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, the committee on Temperance, respectfully report: One of the great issues of the nineteenth century is Temperance from the standpoint of Prohibition. All other methods have been tried, and failed. The open bar room is the open door to hell, and so long as it stands open, with all its insidious attractions, our youth will not only be swept into the deadliest vortex of ruin the world ever knew, but the reformation of the weak and erring will be impossible. The bar room is beyond all question the most monstrous and devilish evil of modern times, and it is the fruitful source of almost every other crime.

The liquor traffic is a horrid relic of barbarism and savagery; it is not only opposed to the civilization of our age, but is totally non-characteristic of the intellectual, moral and religious progress of the period in which we live; hence the revolution now on foot to abolish the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage and to restrict the use of the poison to medical and scientific uses and purposes. The revolution, like every other moral reform, is onward and upward, under God. The great temperance party of the country moves onward, under the inspiration of the promises of that divinity which pledged the possession of the whole world to Jesus. We do not propose to interfere with the liberties of our fellow man, to use and not abuse every creature which is good for its purpose, but we do propose to destroy that liberty which destroys our fellow men.

To this end we ask again that this Association place itself upon record as in favor of Temperance and the prohibition of the liquor traffic. Respectfully,

G. S. HAM, Chairman.

Discussed by G. S. Ham, G. D. Harris, J. A. French, G. A. Joiner, D. B. Brown, A. W. Bell, I. B. W. Lewis, E. T. Smyth, J. D. Davis, James Embry, E. A. Aderholdt, Perry Turner, B. B. Nunnally and J. S. E. Robinson. The report was adopted.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported :

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

As has often been said, "The Sunday School is the church at work," and we may add that the churches which have strong and interesting Sunday Schools are in good condition to do much for the religious upbuilding of its organization, and increase their numbers.

From the best information we can gather, we learn that the interest in the Sunday School work is growing in all sections of our country, and more time, money and consecrated efforts are being put into the work than ever before.

We know of no better place for the proper religious and moral training of the children, and the development of adults, than in the Sunday School, and every church should take an interest in its schools, and lend such assistance as is necessary to keep the organization well supplied with Bibles, religious literature and such other helps as are needed for the thorough training and advancement of the children.

Parents should be regular attendants at the Sunday School, and should assist their children in learning the truths contained in the Bible. In fact, if parents would have their children become interested in the Sunday School, and be prompt in attendance, they should accompany them and prove by example that the school is what they represent it to be.

We believe it would be beneficial for the upbuilding of the Sunday Schools for each church to have special Sunday School days four times a year, when addresses would be delivered and a prayer and praise service be a special feature.

In conclusion, your committee would urge that the churches become thoroughly aroused as to the importance of the Sunday School work, and to train up children and adults in the way they should go.

JNO. C. WILLIAMS,
A. HALL,
S. W. BEAVERS.

Discussed by W. A. Davis, G. A. Joiner, E. T. Smyth, G. D. Harris, J. C. Wright, J. S. E. Robinson, J. A. French, L. Law, J. B. Graham and John C. Williams. Adopted.

Committee on Colportage and Bible Work reported :

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE AND BIBLE WORK.

Your committee on Colportage and Bible Work take great pleasure in reporting that notwithstanding the stringency of money matters, the Colportage Board has made progress in its work over the work of last year. The Board has twelve men employed, and they are located in different parts of the State.

The most serious drawback in prosecuting the work is the lack of funds with which to buy books to furnish the colporteurs.

There is an increasing demand for books, and there is an open door for placing good Baptist books in the hands of the people, if the Board was only furnished by the churches with money to buy books to place in the hands of the colporteurs.

Your committee would recommend that all the churches composing this Association send contributions to the Board at once, to

assist in this work. Send to G. B. Collier, at Opelika, Alabama. We present a statement of the work of the Board for the past ten months.

E. T. SMYTH, Chairman.

The following amendment was introduced :

And that the churches of this body send to the Bible and Colportage Board, at Opelika, for their Sunday School supplies.

Discussed by J. P. Shaffer, G. D. Harris and J. A. French. Report adopted.

Adjourned to 1 P. M. Benediction by George D. Harris.

Friday, Sept. 18—1 : 30 P. M.

Association called to order. Devotional services, conducted by Moderator. Prayer by A. A. Hutto.

John C. Williams offered the following resolutions :

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered Brother Williams, Moderator, and Brother Law, Clerk, and other officials, for their able and efficient services at this session.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the citizens of the community of Lincoln, and especially the ladies, for their unbounded hospitality in entertaining the messengers to the fifty-eighth annual convention of the Coosa River Baptist Association; also to the railroads, which furnished tickets at reduced rates; also to the members of the Methodist Church of Lincoln, for the use of their house of worship.

Committee on Evangelization of Colored People, through J. A. French, reported :

REPORT ON EVANGELIZATION OF COLORED PEOPLE.

The negro problem is no new question to the Christian people of the South, whatever it may be to politicians.

The earliest religious conventions, conferences and general assemblies that met when the war was over, spread upon their records their solemn convictions of our duty to the colored race, and in the face of the seeming infidelity of the world, they recognized the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

And while statesmanship has been struggling with the mighty problem, suggesting this or that plan as a possible or probable solution thereof, just how much we are indebted to the influence and labors of godly men and women, and the self-sacrificing devotion of a consecrated Christian ministry for that reign of law and order, peace and quiet, that has prevailed throughout the South for more than a quarter of a century, God only knows.

The Christian religion has blessed and elevated every other race that has been brought under its influence, and why not the negro?

His condition in his native home, his condition when emancipated far above that, and his condition to-day, advanced still higher, furnishes an object lesson that tells, in unmistakable terms, of his progressive development. A warm and generous Christian heart sees this and rejoices over it, but ignorance, blinded by prejudice, having eyes, sees not; having ears, hears not; neither does it understand. And, while some of us are asking the question, "Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" or that we may relieve ourselves from a sense of duty and responsibility, are suggesting that his is a species of blindness for which there is no remedy, or are discussing the proposition that he belongs to a race inferior to our own, which no one disputes, and therefore he has not the capacity rightly to understand and appreciate the truths and doctrines of the Bible, there are others, and not a few, who ignoring all vain and foolish questions, in the spirit of the Master who saw the blind man and gave him sight, are doing "the work of God," with a zeal that is worthy of the great cause. The legislatures of the Southern States, representing Christian constituencies, hearing their early call to duty, have responded with over thirty millions of their resources for the education of the negro—and this in addition to the other large voluntary contributions that have been made by philanthropists, North and South, for the same purpose.

That splendid building now being erected in Talladega, for the education of the deaf, dumb and blind of the colored race, speaks more eloquently and touchingly, than any words can utter, of the tender care felt and illustrated by our own State for her unfortunate children.

That much has been done for the evangelization of this race, is manifest to every intelligent and thoughtful observer, and that much remains to be done, is also clearer to him who looks out and contemplates the ignorance, and vice, and licentiousness that remain. We are appealed to by every consideration that inspires earnest, honest, Christian endeavor, to "be up and doing" and to follow in the lead of our Great Captain whose unselfish mission was to save the lost.

JNO. W. BISHOP, Chn.,

JAS. CROOK,

JAS. R. ROBINSON.

Report adopted.

J. B. Graham offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

1. That the Clerk be allowed twenty-five dollars for his services, and that he have 1,500 copies of the Minutes printed, and have them distributed to the churches in proportion to the amounts contributed respectively for Minutes.
2. That he is hereby instructed to have printed with the Minutes, on the first pages, Programme of Business, the Constitution, and the Rules of Decorum.
3. That he furnish the printer a list of the churches, the name and postoffice of the clerk of each, and instruct the printer to send the Minutes by mail to the clerks as soon as printed.
4. That Howard College, and Judson Female Institute, if they so desire, be permitted to occupy the back outside cover of the Minutes with advertisements of their respective institutions.
5. That the Clerk is hereby instructed to have printed on the inside of back cover of the Minutes the names composing the Board

of Trustees of Indigent Ministers' Fund and of the Executive Committee of the Association.

W. A. Davis offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

WHEREAS, With a view to more efficient work, by reason of a more compact organization, several churches of this Association and of neighboring associations have signified a desire to form a new association, to be composed principally of churches in Calhoun county, therefore

RESOLVED, That as many of the churches of this Association as desire to withdraw for the purpose of organizing a new association, are hereby dismissed to do so, by presenting a copy of this resolution to the proposed association, and notifying this Association of such withdrawal at the session in 1892.

Committee on Prorating reported :

REPORT ON PRORATING.

The amount suggested and asked for by the State Mission Board from the churches comprising this Association during the ensuing associational year is \$3,000. This is for all purposes—State, Home and Foreign Missions, Bible and Colportage. In prorating this among the churches, your committee respectfully submit the following:

Coldwater, . . .	\$ 50 00	Oxford, . . .	\$175 00
Oak Bowery, . . .	50 00	Anniston First, . . .	150 00
Talladega, . . .	250 00	Alpine, . . .	200 00
Mt. Zion—Talladega co. . .	50 00	Harpersville, . . .	75 00
Spring Creek, . . .	40 00	Riverside, . . .	10 00
Oxanna, . . .	15 00	Renfro, . . .	35 00
Salem, . . .	50 00	Mt. Zion—Calhoun co. . .	60 00
Weaver's Station, . . .	60 00	Seddon, . . .	40 00
Hepsibah, . . .	45 00	Childersburg, . . .	50 00
Winterboro, . . .	100 00	Providence—Talladega, . . .	25 00
Lincoln, . . .	40 00	Dry Valley, . . .	15 00
Antioch, . . .	30 00	Post Oak Spring, . . .	55 00
Munford, . . .	40 00	Anniston Twelfth St. . .	300 00
Refuge, . . .	45 00	Tallassahatchie, . . .	40 00
Rocky Mount, . . .	25 00	Wilsonville, . . .	50 00
Ironaton, . . .	15 00	Davisville, . . .	20 00
Coosa Valley, . . .	50 00	Sulphur Springs, . . .	50 00
Jacksonville, . . .	175 00	Cane Creek, . . .	40 00
Blue Eye, . . .	50 00	Pleasant Grove, . . .	45 00
Fort Williams, . . .	55 00	Mt. Sharon, . . .	30 00
Macedonia, . . .	50 00	Plum Springs, . . .	15 00
Cropwell, . . .	50 00	Providence—Shelby co. . .	15 00
Cartersville, . . .	10 00	Boiling Springs, . . .	10 00

G. S. HAM,
D. H. THWEATT,
J. A. FRY.

Adopted.

In the absence of a report from the committee on Woman's Work, L. Law moved the adoption of the report on

Woman's Work as contained in the Proceedings of the Alabama State Convention for 1890, pages 32-53. Motion concurred in, and report adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

In presenting this report we propose to set forth briefly the importance of the work now being done by woman for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. The work in which they are engaged is not only intrinsically valuable, but laudable. It cannot well be overestimated. From the best information we can gather in reports made at Memphis, Tenn., 1889, and Fort Worth, Texas, 1890, they show a disposition to do something for Missions. Their work is auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. The spirit they manifest is commendable, and we recommend it to the prayerful attention of this Convention. There has been some opposition to this enterprise. All do not co-operate fully—therefore, we wish to speak of a few things in which women performed a praiseworthy part in primitive Christianity.

1. **WOMEN WERE LIBERAL.** There are benefactors who regard their money only as a resource of kindness and mercy, and who make it the leading business of their lives to accomplish good and contribute liberally of their abundance into the treasury of the Lord; but it was left for a woman—"a certain poor widow, to give all her living." The Savior said, "This poor widow hath cast more in than all they that have cast into the treasury." "Women ministered unto Him with their substance," Luke, 8:3. Jesus commended Mary's liberality, saying, "She hath done what she could," Mark 14:8.

2. **WOMEN WERE DEVOTIONAL.** In confirmation of this declaration, we appeal to the Scriptures. Fasting was recommended and practiced by a woman as a means to avert an awful calamity which was coming upon the Jews, Esther, 4:16. "They all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication with the women, and Mary; the mother of Jesus, and with His brethren," Acts 1:14. We offer no comment upon these passages of Scripture. They establish the fact we engaged to prove.

3. **WOMEN WERE SYMPATHETIC WORKERS.** When the closing scene of our Savior's life was approaching, we are told "There followed Him a great crowd of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented Him," Luke 23:27. They, beholding Him with an unbearable burden upon His shoulders—fainting under the load—gasping for breath, expressed their sympathy by public condolence. Their sympathy is further shown by their presence at His burial and early visit on the third morning to the tomb in which the body was interred, bringing spices. It is said they were last at the cross and first at the tomb.

We have said enough to convince the most incredulous that women were not only willing but anxious to work for the Master. Why, then, oppose them? "Let them alone" in their work. They gave last year \$31,236.76 to the various objects fostered by the Southern Baptist Convention. Mrs. I. C. Brown, Secretary of the Central Committee of Alabama, says: "Our work in behalf of missions has been quite successful. The pastors and other ministers have been very kind in co-operating with us; and the ladies of the churches have been ready to respond to our efforts to engage them

in a more earnest effort for missions and for every good word and work. We have endeavored to secure a Vice-President in every Association. Twenty-nine have been secured, most of whom are doing excellent work. One hundred and nine Mission and Aid Societies, and twenty-eight Sunbeam Bands are co-operating with and reporting through the Central Committee.

"We have distributed a large amount of literature furnished us by the Executive Committee (auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention) of Baltimore. This has been of very great assistance to our work. Liberal gifts to all the enterprises of our denomination have been reported to us. We receive no money, only reports of work done by the Women's Societies. I do not know the amount of money reported. Mrs. I. Y. Sage, of Birmingham, is Treasurer, and all reports are made to her."

Respectfully submitted,

B. A. JACKSON,
Chairman.

The Treasurer of Indigent Ministers' Fund reported :

REPORT OF TREASURER I. M. FUND.

J. A. POWE, Treasurer,

In acc't with TRUSTEES INDIGENT MINISTERS' FUND.

1890.	RECEIPTS.	Dr.
Sept. 17—To balance, cash on hand as per last report,		\$394 83
Oct. 18—To cash, interest on Jas. Embry note, 1891.		8 00
May 27—To cash, interest on note, Mrs. McAfee,		80 00
Mar. 31—To cash on note, Bell, Burns and Law,		105 42
June 22—To cash on note, Bell, Burns and Law, 1890.		31 80
	DISBURSEMENTS.	Cr.
Sept. 22—By cash loaned Rev. C. Smith, joint note self and others,	\$350 00	
Dec. 9—By cash, appro'n to Rev. Jos. Steely, 1891.	25 00	
Apr. 14—By cash, appro'n to Mrs. McCain,	25 00	
June 8—By cash, appro'n to Rev. J. R. Steely,	25 00	
July 14—By cash loaned L. M. Johnston, note,	50 00	
Sept. 17—Balance, cash on hand,	145 05	
	<u>\$620 05</u>	<u>\$620 05</u>

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF Resources of the Indigent Ministers' Fund, this date:

Amount of James Embry note,	\$ 108 00
Amount of N. S. McAfee note,	1,050 40
Amount of Bell, Burns and Law, Lincoln church note,	185 54
Amount Talladega Baptist church, notes for balance due on parsonage property,	1,643 60
Amount of note L. M. Johnston,	50 67
Amount of note Smith, Bell and Burns and others,	378 00
Amount of cash on hand,	145 05
	<u>\$3,561 26</u>

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. POWE, Treasurer.

Adopted.

G. A. Joiner, chairman of executive committee reported :

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

G. A. JOINER, Chairman,

In acc't with COOSA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1890.		Dr.
Sept. 15—To cash on hand,		\$67 04
Sept. 27—To cash rec'd from J. S. Kelly, Treas.		23 34
1890.		
Dec. 23—By cash to W. H. Davis, for Iron City Church,	Cr.	
		\$15 00
1891.		
Sept. 15—By balance—cash on hand,		75 38
		<u>\$90 38</u> <u>\$90 38</u>

Adopted.

The Executive Committee, with G. A. Joiner as chairman, was continued.

The Board of Trustees of Indigent Ministers' Fund was continued.

George D. Harris was elected associational delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, to meet in Atlanta, May, '92. Abner Williams, alternate delegate.

On the money basis of representation, L. Law and G. A. Joiner were elected delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention. There being doubts as to the constitutionality of this election, the Clerk applied for information on this point to Lansing Burrows, Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, who replied that the election of said two delegates on a money basis was regular and constitutional; that the Association is entitled to one delegate as a body, and to the two additional delegates on a money basis, one for each \$250.00 contributed by or through the Association to the boards of the Convention for the conventional year closing April 30, 1892; moreover, if the Clerk rightly apprehends the ruling of Bro. Burrows on this point, the Association is entitled to more than two delegates, as the contributions to this body to the boards of the Convention, as will be seen by our financial exhibit, amount to \$1,483.84, and will be still further increased prior to April 30, 1892.

Delegates elected to Alabama State Convention: L. Law, J. A. French, G. A. Joiner, T. K. Trotter, Wm. A. Davis, B. B. Nunnally, J. N. Belton, Perry Turner, G. D. Harris, and J. C. Wright, with authority to fill vacancies.

On motion, all members of this body present at meetings of State Associations are authorized to act as correspondents from this Association to said bodies.

J. S. Kelly, Treasurer, reported :

REPORT OF TREASURER.

J. S. KELLY, Treasurer,

In acc't with Coosa River Association.		Dr.
To amount balance on hand last report,	\$	4 05
To am't received from Finance committee:		
For Home Missions,		273 89
For Foreign Missions,		306 92
For State Missions,		270 49
For Associational Missions,		23 34
For Ministerial Education,		46 73
For Bible and Colportage Fund,		36 75
For Minutes,		85 00
	Cr.	
By amount paid Clerk, salary,	\$	25 00
By paid Assistant Clerk, salary,		5 00
By paid W. F. McCain, ben. J. W. Martin,		31 73
By paid G. W. Ellis, Ministerial Education,		15 00
By paid W. B. Crumpton, Home Missions,		273 89
By paid W. B. Crumpton, For'n Missions,		306 92
By paid W. B. Crumpton, State Missions,		270 49
By paid G. A. Joiner, Associat'l Missions,		23 34
By paid J. B. Collier, Bible and Col. Fund,		36 75
By paid Jno. C. Williams, print'g Minutes,		53 50
By amount on hand to balance,		5 55
Totals,	\$1,047 17	\$1,047 17

Respectfully submitted,

September 18, 188 .

J. S. KELLY, Treasurer.

Adopted.

The standing committees were appointed :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

STATE MISSIONS: W. H. Smith, W. S. Griffin and J. M. Solley.
 HOME MISSIONS: E. P. Smyth, Jas. Crook and A. A. Hutto.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS: C. Wright, J. B. Mynatt and W. F. McCain.
 MINISTERIAL EDUCATION: J. A. French, J. N. Belton, P. W. Milner.
 GENERAL EDUCATION: M. H. Lane, G. S. Ham and J. F. Pope.
 SABBATH SCHOOLS: A. M. McIntosh, J. A. Fry and W. H. Davis.
 TEMPERANCE: Thos. Henderson, G. D. Harris and B. B. Nunnally.
 COLPORTAGE AND PABLE WORK: W. Wilkes, R. A. Kidd and J. A. Collins.
 PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE: J. B. Graham, J. T. Donaldson and J. D. Davis.
 WOMAN'S WORK: S. W. Welch, Jno. C. Williams and W. A. Davis.
 CENTENNIAL WORK: Geo. B. Eager, J. A. French and T. Henderson.
 EVANGELIZATION OF COLORED PEOPLE: L. Law, A. W. Bell and L. A. Daniel.

The Finance committee reported :

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT AS REPORTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—CONTINUED.

CHURCHES.	Home Ms.	For. Mis.	State Mis.	Asso. Mis.	Min. Edu.	Colp'tage.	Minutes.	Totals.
Alpine	\$ 11 09	\$ 11 09	\$ 14 09				\$ 1 50	\$ 37 77
Tallaasahatchie							1 50	1 50
Winterboro	5 50	5 00	5 00				1 50	17 00
Pilgrim's Rest	Not represented.							
Rocky Mount	2 50					\$ 1 25	1 30	5 05
Mt. Zion, Talladega county	7 50	7 50	7 50	\$1 50			1 50	25 50
Fort Williams	3 00	3 00	4 40				1 00	11 40
Childersburg			3 01				1 00	1 00
Wilsonville	5 71	5 71	5 71			5 00	1 50	23 63
Harpersville		10 00	10 00				2 00	22 00
Spring Creek			1 00				1 50	2 50
Macedonia				1 00			1 50	2 50
Goosa Valley	1 00	1 00	1 00			2 50	2 00	7 50
Seddon							2 25	2 25
Riverside	1 00	1 00	1 00				75	3 75
Cropwell	2 50	2 50					1 50	6 50
Providence, Shelby county	2 50	2 50					1 50	6 50
Cartersville	2 00		2 00				1 00	5 00
Boiling Spring			2 20				1 50	3 70
Mt. Ida							1 00	1 00
Sycamore							1 00	1 00
Public collections	4 51	2 51	2 51		2 51	2 51		14 55
Totals	\$112 11	\$143 61	\$118 21	\$2 50	\$8 01	\$13 26	\$78 10	\$475 80

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J. B. GRAHAM, W. L. HILL, W. H. DAVIS, Committee.

The report of the Finance Committee was adopted.
Committee on Nominations reported :

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.—Thomas Henderson; F. G. Mullen, alternate.

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Adopted.

Committee on Public Worship reported having made the best arrangement possible under the circumstances of the occasion :

At Lincoln Baptist church, Sept. 16, at 7:30 p. m. Elder J. A. French.

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The chairman of the Executive Committee was authorized to pay to J. M. Solley fifty dollars, to aid in rebuilding Mt. Ida church building, recently burned down.

The thanks of the Association were tendered Brother Jno. C. Williams, for his generous offer to print gratuitously 20,000 copies of the Report on Periodicals and Literature.

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CHURCHES.	Home Ms.	For. Mis.	State Mis.	Asso. Mis.	Min. Edu.	Colp'tage.	Minutes.	Totals.
Jacksonville	\$ 12 50	\$ 25 00	\$ 10 00				\$ 2 50	\$ 50 00
Post Oak Springs		10 20					2 00	12 20
Weaver's Station							2 00	2 00
Mt. Zion, Calhoun county	15 00	15 00	15 00				3 00	48 00
Oak Bowery	2 00		2 00			\$ 2 00	1 50	7 50
Cane Creek							1 05	1 05
Oxford							4 00	4 00
Antioch	1 75						2 00	3 75
First Anniston							3 00	3 00
Parker Memorial							5 00	5 00
Oxanna		2 50					1 00	3 50
Davisville							1 00	1 00
Coldwater	2 50	2 50					1 50	6 50
Munford							2 00	2 00
Salem	5 50	5 50	8 50		\$ 5 50		1 50	26 50
Sulphur Springs							1 50	1 50
Refuge	3 55	7 10	2 65				1 00	14 30
Blue Eye	2 00	2 00					2 00	6 00
Pleasant Grove	5 50	5 50	5 50				1 50	18 00
Talladega							3 00	3 00
Ironaton			2 70				1 50	4 20
Providence, Talladega county	3 50	5 00					1 00	9 50
Lincoln	7 50	7 50	10 94				1 00	26 94
Plum Spring							75	75
Dry Valley		4 00					1 00	5 00
Renfro	2 00		1 50				1 00	4 50
Hepzibah							1 50	1 50

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Fort Williams	3 00	3 00	4 40				1 50	25 50
Mt. Sharon							1 00	11 40
Childersburg							1 00	1 00
Wilsonville	5 71	5 71	3 01					3 01
Harpersville		10 00	5 71			5 00	1 50	23 03
Spring Creek			10 00				2 00	22 00
Macedonia			1 00				1 50	2 50
Coosa Valley	1 00	1 00		1 00			1 50	2 50
Seddon			1 00			2 50	2 00	7 50
Riverside							2 25	2 25
Cropwell	1 00	1 00	1 00				75	3 75
Providence, Shelby county	2 50	2 50					1 50	6 50
Cartersville	2 50	2 50					1 50	6 50
Boiling Spring	2 00		2 00				1 00	5 00
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STATISTICS OF THE COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION.—1891.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE.	Ordained Ministers.	Licensed Ministers.	Members at last Report.	INCREASE BY				DECREASE BY				Present Members.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.					Frequenting Sabbath.	Reports Prayer Meetings.	Reports Revivals.	REMARKS.
								Baptism.	Letter.	Expos'ns.	Restor'ns.	Letter.	Expos'ns.	Excess.	Death.		Superintendent.	Superintendent's Postoffice.	Others & Teachers.	Pupils.	Vol's in Library.				
Antioch	Talladega	T. Nall	G. W. Manning	Oxford		1	79	13	10	13	1	9			92	J. L. Jenkins	Silver Run	6	50		1		Yes.		
Anniston First	Calhoun	W. H. Smith	A. Fry	Anniston	2		245	28	42			11		5	299	J. A. Fry	Anniston	13	320		Every.				
Alpine	Talladega	E. B. Tague	W. R. Thompson.	Alpine			113					32		1	80	W. A. Welch	Alpine	4	29		4		Yes.		
Blue Eye	Talladega	T. K. Trotter	S. W. Beavers	Lincoln	2		139	5	5		2	2	2	47		100									
Boiling Springs.	Calhoun	N. Stevens	C. C. Huggins.	Francis		1	53	6	24				1		82										
Cane Creek	Calhoun	T. P. Gwin	A. H. Mynatt	Alexandria			59	8	6			6			67						2		Yes.		
Coldwater	Calhoun	W. S. Griffin	T. F. Teague	Bynum			115	3	2			16		3	101						4		Yes.		
Childersburg	Talladega	Thos. Henderson	F. Moss	Childersburg			118								125									Supposed.	
Coosa Valley	St. Clair	T. K. Trotter	R. D. Willingham.	Easonville			149	5	5		5	7			157								Yes.		
Cropwell	St. Clair	G. D. Staton	Lealis Law	Cropwell	1		44					10			36	L. Law	Cropwell	7	36		2		Yes.		
Cartersville	Talladega	F. G. Mullen	F. B. Lanier.	Kymulga			34					3		2	33	J. D. Lanier	Kymulga	9	82		3		Yes.		
Dry Valley	Talladega	A. A. Hutto	G. W. Clements.	Lincoln	1		72	4	5	4	1	3	4	1	2	76	J. W. McCain	Lincoln	7	34		3		Yes.	
Fort Williams	Talladega	Thos. Henderson	T. J. Daniel	Fayetteville	1		110	1	5			5	1		109	L. A. Daniel	Fayetteville	5	27		1				
Hepzibah	Talladega	P. Castleberry	J. M. Burks	Pine View			130	11	10	7	2	11			149						3		Yes.		
Harpersville	Shelby	B. F. Giles	J. Russell	Harpersville	3		120	2	15			3			134	W. L. Davis	Harpersville	5	60		1		Yes.		
Iron City	Calhoun	J. M. Devenau	T. H. Cockrell.	Iron City	2		40	4	7						51	W. A. Scarbrough.	Iron City	5	65		2-4		Yes.		
Ironaton	Talladega	J. T. Rice	D. W. Shadix	Ironaton	2		56	18	16			3	2		1	90	J. T. Rice	Ironaton	6	99		1		Yes.	
Jacksonville	Calhoun	H. W. Williams	P. D. Ross	Jacksonville	2		129	2	10			4			3	134	Jas. Crook	Jacksonville	9	80		Every.			
Lincoln	Talladega	G. D. Staton	A. W. Bell	Lincoln	1		45	4	10			11	1		1	46	A. W. Bell	Lincoln	4	30		1			
Macedonia	St. Clair	C. W. C. Hara	D. C. Davis	Vincent, Shelbyco			63	8	1	8		4			68								Yes.		
Mt. Zion	Calhoun	W. S. Griffin	J. T. H. Lumpkin.	Alexandria	1		174		5	9		9			179										
Mt. Zion	Talladega	M. H. Lane	H. G. Darby	Sylacauga	1		118		2			2			114	A. Hall	Sylacauga	10	78		4				
Munford	Talladega	Catt. Smith	W. T. Wright	Silver Run	1	1	88	13	5			4	1		101	W. T. Wright	Silver Run	7	30		2		Yes.		
Mt. Sharon	Talladega	W. Wilkes	H. J. Coleman	Childersburg			70	3							73									Org'd during year.	
Mt. Ida	Talladega	J. M. Solley	J. C. Tomlin	Burney	1			3	1	3					41										
Oak Bowery	Calhoun	J. R. Lloyd	R. B. Coker	Ohatchie	1		131	1	1	1		8			2	124									
Oxford	Calhoun	G. D. Harris	T. M. Draper	Oxford	2	2	179	16	9	1	4	9	2		2	196	D. C. Cooper	Oxford	15	150	175	Every.	Yes.	Yes.	
Oxanna	Calhoun	E. D. Jones	W. I. Fitzgerald.	Oxanna	1		63	1	6			22	1		1	46	H. C. Pope	Oxanna	7	31		2-4			
Post Oak Springs	Calhoun	W. S. C. Gun	H. C. Weaver	Alexandria			192					5	2		3	182									
Parker Memorial	Calhoun	Geo. B. Lager	W. A. Davis	Anniston	3	1	232	14	54	1		18		1	3	279	C. D. Woodruff.	Anniston	14	175	110	Every.	Yes.	Yes.	
Pleasant Grove	Talladega	J. N. Boston	T. E. Ogletree.	Eureka			52		5			2	2		2	51									
Plum Spring	Talladega	J. W. Candler	O. P. Ford	McCall	2	1	55	4	3	4		8				58								Yes.	
Providence	Talladega	J. H. Price	R. F. Brown	Talladega			35	5	3	5		5				43									
Providence	Shelby	J. A. Butts	L. H. Cosper	Cresswell	1		87		5						2	95									
Pilgrim's Rest	Talladega	J. M. Solley	E. Hayward	Rendalia			29																	No report.	
Refuge	Talladega	J. N. Bolton	W. T. Hall	Refuge	1		98	7	5		2	6	3		1	101								No S. S. report.	
Renfro	Talladega	F. G. Mullen	H. T. Brown	Renfro	1		63	12	6			18	4		2	46	A. M. McIntosh	Renfro	7	77		1			
Rocky Mount	Talladega	J. M. Solley	J. R. Guinn	Bledsoe			63		2			5	1		1	58	D. W. Thompson	Bledsoe	5	25		2			
Riverside	St. Clair	W. F. McCain	M. S. Jordan	Riverside	1		27		1			6				22	M. S. Jordan	Riverside	8	42		4			
Salem	Talladega	Catt. Smith	W. O. Pease	McCall	1		88	8	3	2		4			1	96								No S. S. report.	
Sulphur Springs	Calhoun	J. S. E. Robinson.	L. B. Mayfield	Bruner			204	12		12	1	14	7		1	207									
Spring Creek	Shelby	G. W. O'ara	W. B. Singleton	Harpersville	1		70	16	6			8	1		3	80	G. W. Clement.	Vincent	5	58		3			
Seddon	St. Clair	T. K. Trotter	T. J. Kilgroe	Seddon	2		153		3	1		20	1	43	1	92	W. D. Hancock	Seddon	5	40					
Sycamore	Talladega	J. M. Solley	T. W. Barnett	Sycamore				3				19	3	2	3	26								Org'd during year.	
Talladega	Talladega	J. A. French	W. T. Billie	Talladega	3		233	9	33							248	J. W. Bishop	Talladega		175	200	Every.	Yes.	Yes.	
Talassahatchie	Talladega	F. G. Mullen	J. C. McMillan.	Sycamore			90		5	2		7				90									
Weaver Station	Calhoun	T. P. Gwin	T. L. Weaver	Weaver Station	1		120		3			5			2	116	D. F. Weaver	Weaver Station	4	30		4		Yes.	
Winterboro	Talladega	M. H. Lane	I. W. Rhodes	Alpine			165		2			36			2	129	W. A. Morris.	Alpine	5	30					
Wilsonville	Shelby	A. E. Burns	J. H. Robertson	Wilsonville			39	5	3		2	2			1	46	J. F. Pope	Wilsonville	3	42		2-4			
Totals					41	7	4,831	259	352	73	19	335	40	94	54	4,958						175	1,895	485	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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FINANCIAL DIRECTORY.

Funds for the several enterprises and departments of work fostered by the Coosa River Association should be sent as follows:
For Indigent Ministers' Fund, to J. A. Powe, Talladega, Ala.
For Church Building, to M. H. Lane, Jacksonville, Ala.
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